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SUBJECT: ESTABLISHMENT OF SAN MARINO-USA MUTUAL FRIENDSHIP  
ASSOCIATION

1. FOLLOWING SEVERAL MONTHS OF INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN CONSULATE AND VARIOUS INDIVIDUALS IN SAN MARINO, A GROUP FROM SAN MARINO CAME TO CONSUL GENERAL'S RESIDENCE FOR LUNCH ON JUNE 6 TO DISCUSS DRAFT CONSTITUTION THEY HAD PREPARED FOR SUBJECT ORGANIZATION. DRAFT CONSTITUTION, WHICH IS BASED ON THOSE USED BY LOCAL LIONS AND ROTARY CLUBS, CONSISTS OF 18 RATHER DETAILED ARTICLES. GROUP TOLD US DRAFT CONSTITUTION HAD BEEN REVIEWED BY SAN MARINO LAWYERS ASSOCIATED WITH BOTH CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC AND SOCIALIST PARTIES. THEY SAID BOTH LAYERS AFFIRM THAT DRAFT CONSTITUTION FULLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH SAN MARINO LAW.

2. WE SAID WE THOUGHT DRAFT CONSTITUTION MIGHT PERHAPS BE TOO LONG AND DETAILED FOR NEW ORGANIZATION BUT THAT DECISION REGARDING THIS WAS PREROGATIVE ORGANIZATION MEMBER-SHIP.

3. WE HAVE KEPT SAN MARINO GOVERNMENT (SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND POLITICAL AFFAIRS) ADVISED OF DEVELOPMENTS AND HE IS IN AGREEMENT WITH OBJECTIVES OF PROPOSED ORGANIZATION.  
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ALL CONCERNED AGREED THAT NO ACTION ON PROJECT WOULD BE TAKEN DURING POLITICAL CAMPAIGN PRECEEDING MAY 28 POLITICAL ELECTIONS.

4. SUBJECT ORGANIZATION, IN VIEW OF MANY SAN MARINO CITIZENS, WOULD BE VERY USEFUL WESTERN ORIENTED SUPPLEMENT TO SMALL SIMILAR ORGANIZATIONS ASSOCIATED WITH USSR AND EASTERN EUROPE.

5. PRESENT PLANS ARE TO INAUGURATE NEW ORGANIZATION AT CEREMONY IN SAN MARINO ON JULY 4.

6. AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE FROM PREVIOUS CORRESPONDENCE, CONSULATE HAS HAD SOME DIFFICULTY IN FINDING SATISFACTORY ORGANIZATIONAL FRAMEWORK ON FORA FOR PRESENTATION IN SAN MARINO OF FILMS,EXHIBITS, CONCERTS, AND OTHER EVENTS, EVEN THOUGH THIS WAS MUCH DESIRED BY SAN MARINO GOVERNMENT.

7. WE BELIEVE NEW ORGANIZATION CAN BE USEFUL IN FILLING THIS GAP AND WE HAVE INDICATED THAT WE WILL BE PLEASED TO ASSIST GROUP CONCERNING THEIR CULTURAL PROGRAM. GORDON

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